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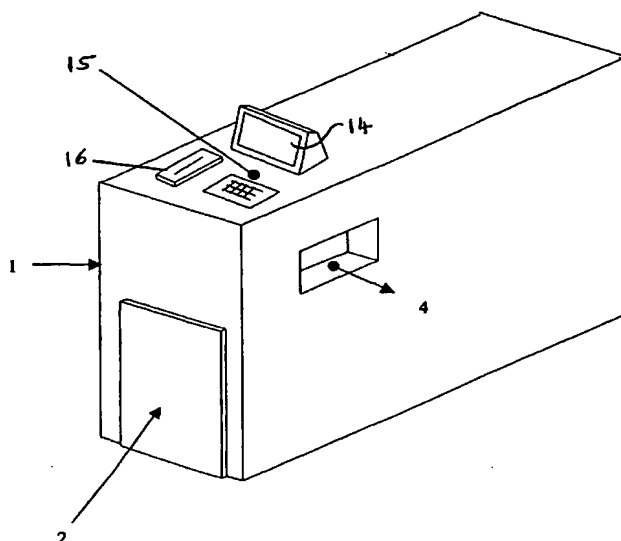
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(57) Abstract: A document handling machine comprises a non-secure or low security housing (10) containing a document transport (12) for conveying documents in one or both directions between a document store (60) and an opening (17). A document degradation system (68) is responsive to an unauthorised activity, such as an attempt to gain access to the interior of the machine, to degrade documents in the machine.